

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Mini-meeting of Tuesday, 02 October 2012  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

Approved MINUTES

**1.** The meeting was **called to order** at 7:09p by Tom Bruhn. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Anke Finger, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Kim Bova, Blanche Serban. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff).

**2.** The draft **minutes of the 04 September meeting** were approved with two corrections: “\$1000” in the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence of item 2a should read “\$150”, and Blanche Serban should be listed as Acting Secretary.

**3. Co-op art gallery.** Anke reported on plans for a co-op art gallery in Storrs Center. Those working on this project have been to a lot of meetings and have begun advertising the idea to artists and the public with a table at the Festival on the Green on 9/23. They have decided to organize the gallery as a legal entity under the umbrella of WindhamARTS; attorney David Shaiken is helping with legal papers and issues (non-profit status, agreement with WindhamARTS) on a *pro bono* basis. Anke estimates that it will take at least a year to get organized – researching successful gallery models, raising funds (\$75K will probably be needed for the first year, if rent is required), lining up personnel to run the gallery, etc. She hopes the Storrs Center developers, who have offered retail space for a gallery, will be patient. Jay alerted Anke to a Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development grant program, Arts Catalyze Placemaking, that aims to encourage investment in “arts-based cultural activities and infrastructure in ways that will advance the attractiveness and competitiveness of Connecticut cities, towns, and villages as meaningful communities in which to live, work, learn, and play.” However, the 11/08 deadline is probably too soon to permit applying for such a grant this year.

**4. Annual report.** Scott circulated a draft of the Committee’s Annual Report to the Town for FY2011-12 by e-mail on 9/08. No corrections or additions were received from Committee members, so Jay submitted the report.

**5. MCC exhibits.** No new applications have been received. The **prize-winning works** from the Festival on the Green’s Art Show are now up in the righthand display case. David suggested inviting artists who contributed works to Festival’s show to apply to exhibit at the MCC; Jay will ask the Downtown Partnership for a list of artists. Jay indicated that **Jim Gabianelli** knows that his exhibit of machine art is to go up in mid October. We have nothing for the display cases yet.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
8/27 – 10/14	Festival on the Green advertising & Art Show winners			Carole Jeffries? (oils)	DSS Have a Heart? (photos of adoptable kids)	
10/15 – 1/14					Jim Gabianelli (machine art)	

**6. Artist & art venues lists.** Long ago the Committee assembled a list of Mansfield artists and another list of Mansfield business or organizations that (at the time) were willing to exhibit art or host performances. The list of artists has been used for mailings advertising exhibit or performance venues; the list of venues is advertised in our “Opportunities for Mansfield Artists” brochure. Both lists need to be updated. Tom noted that UConn’s Babbidge Library should be on the list of venues for exhibits; David will contact the Windham Chamber of Commerce to see if we can get a list of member businesses in Mansfield to poll about offering space for art displays or performances.

**7. Membership.** Members were urged to consider who might be recruited to replace Joe Tomanelli, who has resigned.

**8. Exhibit application material.** Scott noted that the online application material for exhibiting art at the MCC is not quite correct in stating the Town's Art Display Policy (2008) or in indicating that the Town is not responsible for loss or damage. The Town policy quoted in the application material is a draft, not the final version, and a new Artist's Consent Form approved in June 2009 should replace the one now in the application packet.

**9. Adjourned** at 8:03p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 06 October (Election Day).

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 05 October 2012